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CAPE MAY COUNTY SQUADRON CIVIL AIR PATROL

# SQUADRON

## Civil Air Patrol/Cape May

### *From the Commander*

I want to congratulate the Cape May County Composite Squadron members of the NJWG Dragon Drill Team for placing 1<sup>st</sup> in the NER Cadet Competition; our members included C/2Lt Michael Quinn and C/MSgt Dylan Rutherford, among other cadets from across the New Jersey Wing. The Drill Team will compete nationally in July 2009.

In May, the Wing had its U.S. Air Force Search and Rescue Evaluation. The week was very busy and it all came together in a SAREX, in which the Wing was rated as "Excellent" by the Air Force. Good job to all who participated.

We also assisted the Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts in Cape May during their formal dedication of the World War II Observation Tower, located in Cape May Point. Several cadets assisted in parking and assisted others with tours and assisting the dignitaries who were in attendance.

On Memorial Day weekend, we participated in 2 activities. One was participating in the U.S. Coast Guard

Training Center's Sunset Parade along with the Recruits who are in training at the base, groups of local Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Cub Scouts who were invited to attend by the Base Commander, Captain Cari B. Thomas. The second activity we assisted in was the annual Memorial Day Ceremony at the Cape May County Veteran's Cemetery with local veteran's organizations and local and State Representatives. Many wreaths were placed and speeches were addressed.

I strongly encourage all Cadets who have not completed the Cadet Basic Encampment to do so this year, not only is it a requirement to attend other Flight Encampments, but also to attend any activities outside the Wing, such as National Cadet Special Activities. This year, the Cadet Basic Encampment is being held between 15-22 August 2009 at Fort Dix, New Jersey, the cost is \$125.00 for the week. Also, for those Cadets who are in NCO positions and whom are advancing towards their Billy Mitchell Award, I strongly encourage

you to attend the NCO Academy being held during the same week as Cadet Basic Encampment, the cost is the same. You will gain valuable information and will be better able to serve the squadron upon your return, in your leadership role.

I urge everyone to use our squadron web site to its fullest extent, there is a lot of useful information, links, and it is updated on a regular basis. Our Calendar is updated as I receive information and the links are updated to correspond with our changing requirements, as I update things almost on a daily basis to keep the site current as humanly possible. In case you do not know where to go, here is our site's address:

**<http://capemay.njwg.cap.gov>**

For those newer cadets whom have not received their uniforms yet, please come see me at a meeting so we can check to see if they have been ordered or not. If not, I can do so online for you.

**“SEMPER OPTIMUS “**

**Kevin L. Barstow, Captain/CAP**



### **Anniversaries**

2Lt Victor Hartley  
2Lt Evan Kooker

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Capt Thomas Callahan III  
SM James Romano



### **Congratulations!**

C/2Lt Michael Quinn &  
C/MSgt Dylan Rutherford- NJ  
Wing Dragon Drill Team- #1  
Northeast Region Champs!

C/TSgt Brendan Flynn was selected to be among the 18 CAP members, from out of 289 applicants, to attend Space Camp this summer.

### **Promotions**

C/SSgt Brendan Flynn to C/TSgt  
C/AB Ray Gradwell to C/Amn

### Administration

As a reminder to all members, all forms must be typed. Current forms and regulations are found at:

**[http://members.gocivilairpatrol.com/forms\\_publications\\_\\_regulations/](http://members.gocivilairpatrol.com/forms_publications__regulations/)**

Also, CAPF 5 packages will no longer be kept in the file cabinet. All pilot certification materials are available on the Operations page of the NJ Wing website:

**<http://www.njwg.cap.gov/Operations/index.html>**

### Personnel

It is each member's responsibility to keep track of what is required for promotion. This includes senior members. Cadet requirements are found in the CMCCS OI 3-07. Senior Officer requirements are found in CAPR 39-3.

**LtCol Richard Simon**

### To All Cadet Personnel:

Uniforms issued by USAF are accountable. When personnel leave, squadron uniforms will be turned in. This is a Must! If you have any questions, see Supply.

**Maj Wayne Ingling**  
**Supply Officer**

### Cadet Program

Cadets-

Instead of my normal "be on your guard" type of article, I would just like to give you some real life lessons learned the hard way. For those of you that wonder why we delegate duties, I have a scenario for you:

Suppose you are on a ship, where the Captain of the ship did every task from piloting the ship to adjusting engine power from the main engine room, what would you think?

In this scenario, the first thing anyone should see is the Captain running around like a "chicken with it's head cut off." Aside from the obvious, there would be great confusion should anything happen to that doomed Captain. This is the reason why there is delegation of duties. Looking at the same scenario again; however, we see the Captain sending a call to the engine room for a speed adjustment and telling the pilot to change course. In the second scenario, there is a much clearer picture of order and a well oiled machine. There is no real necessity to have your hand fully into everything. There is never enough time for one man to accomplish all of the tasks that can be very rapidly completed by a team of well trained individuals.

With leadership comes the opportunity for responsibility and the chance to delegate duties to more junior members as you lead small teams on missions and at squadron activities.

**Capt Tony Simon**  
**Deputy Commander for Cadets NER**  
**NJ-009**

### A Note From the Cadet Staff

Because this will be my last cadet staff newsletter before I move on to the Air Force Academy, there are a few final reflections I would like to make. First, there are several people who I would like to thank for providing valuable guidance and leadership to me over the years. Captain Barstow, Captain Avellino, Major Ingling, and many others have been instrumental in helping me to develop as a cadet and a leader. Without the guidance I have received from these people, I could never have matured into the cadet that I am today.

The leadership training I have received at this squadron has been a major benefit to me, not just in the cadet program, but in many other parts of my life as well. For one, I feel that my experience in the cadet program was a major help during the application process to the Air Force Academy. It will be even more important once I am actually there. In closing, I would like to encourage every cadet in the unit to do their best to excel in the cadet program and achieve their goals, no matter what they are.

**C/Capt Tristan Kooker**  
**Cadet Commander, NER NJ-009**





Support Search & Rescue

## GET LOST !

Hello Everyone, I hope everyone is ready for summer! Now is the perfect time to check your equipment!!!! Summer vacations are right around the corner, so now is the perfect time to make sure your Emergency Services gear is ready to go at a moment's notice. Besides, your going to be to busy in the next couple of weeks with finishing school and planning vacations!

First thing that should be checked is all batteries! Make sure those old batteries are disposed of properly and the new ones are fresh; don't forget to check the dates on the packages! Check all equipment that uses batteries: flashlights, scanners, and radios. Don't store the batteries in the equipment, but with your equipment. Sometimes when batteries are stored in flashlights and scanners and are not use for some time, they start to leak and corrode. I use a rubber band to keep batteries and equipment together that way I can put them in when needed.

The next thing to check should be any thing that you use to carry water. Check your canteens, camelbacks, or water bottles. Make sure you empty and clean them after every use, ensure you rinse all soap out after washing so that you don't get sick! And always store your water containers in a cool, dry place!

While you have all your gear dumped out on the floor, make sure that your gear, vests, and backpacks are clean! If you need to, take them out and wash it down with a garden hose, get a brush and scrub it down with some mild soap. As with all your gear, always make sure it is dry before you put it away!

One of the last things you should check is to make sure the dates on items like sun screen, and bug spray haven't expired. If they have, make plans to get some new items. Make sure you get good quality sunscreen and bug spray. Also get some snacks, I keep some power bars and gum in my gear so that on long missions I have something to munch on.

Make sure all members check your gear! **Senior members and Cadets**, check it now before you get too busy with summer activities!! Have a nice summer and see you in the woods!!!!

**2Lt Evan Kooker**  
**Emergency Services Officer**  
**NER NJ-009**



## Public Affairs

I want to thank all the cadets who have helped with the recent squadron activities. It is a busy time of year for all, and I know it is sometimes hard to fit all the activities in. All the cadets did a wonderful job at the WWII Tower Dedication, and I especially want to thank C/ Coughlin for his wonderful tour of the Tower. The day turned out to be a good lesson in teamwork, as cadets worked together assisting with setup, parking, and assisting guests. I was proud to be there with the cadets. I was able to attend the Memorial Day Ceremony also, and once again our cadets shined! Although we do not have any activities planned right now, I hope when the next activity comes up, cadets and senior members will all try to attend. Working together during outside activities helps promote teamwork and unity as a squadron, in addition to promoting CAP to the public.

I would like to echo Capt Barstow in his statement encouraging all cadets to attend Basic Encampment if they have not already done so. I was fortunate to be able to assist with Public Affairs during last year's Encampment, and I have to say that although it is not an "easy" week, Encampment is a great opportunity to help you grow as a person and a cadet. Also, as I have mentioned before, it opens many doors to wonderful activities and opportunities in CAP. Don't let it pass you by!

Thank you for the great response by cadets for newsletter articles this month. You all did a great job, and it is interesting for me to read them as I put the newsletter together. I am looking forward to seeing the articles emailed next month (hint)! Cadets, please be sure to learn the correct rank abbreviation for your current rank— see regulation 52-16 if you are not sure. As always, you can check with your chain of command if you have any questions.

Parents, don't forget that we are always looking for parents who might be interested in joining either as a regular senior member, or as a cadet sponsor member. Please come to the squadron if you have any questions.

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**<http://capemay.njwg.cap.gov>**



*Cadets Gradwell and Flynn: Congratulations on your promotions!*



## *From the Cadets*

I am new to CAP, and I want to let you know how much I have learned in a short period of time. I enjoy being part of this organization. I have already been promoted to Cadet Airman.

Thank you for all your help.

C/Amn Ray Gradwell

Are Fighter Pilots a vanishing breed? With money pouring into the research and funding of unmanned aerial vehicles, fighter pilots are beginning to feel threatened by the formidable drones. UAV's are cheap, effective, and do not have families. Fighter pilots are already the pinnacle of military aviation and have done an incredible job for the duration of the past century. With the Predator, the Reaper, the Global Hawk, and the soon to be Pegasus for the Navy, what role will fighter pilots play? Hopefully fighter pilots will continue to play an integral role in completing their mission and employing military aviation prowess. For the good of the military and the thousands who dream to become fighter pilots, manned jets should stay in the services for the rest of the century.

C/AB Tim Myland

This past Memorial Day weekend I had a school trip to Washington D.C. All of the history classes whose teacher is Mrs. Taylor went. We took a big bus there, it was very comfortable. We went to see the Capital, Library of Congress, the Supreme Court, and some of the Smithsonian museums. My friend Mike and I got to go up in the Washington Monument. It was very high and you could see everything in Washington D.C. and

in parts of Virginia. To be exact, it is 555 feet tall. Overall it was a very fun trip.

C/A1C Louis Sicilia

This past weekend I participated in the Coast Guard Sunset Parade. We marched in the parade along with the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. The Sunset Parade is a ceremony in which the recruits march in front of the CO and other dignitaries. The Coast Guard also gave us a tour of the base, and us about the Coast Guard's response in the aftermath of hurricane Katrina.

C/A1C John Edwards

I've been sick the past couple of weeks but I've heard good things about my squadron participating in activities around the country. I'm also going to a youth leadership forum on national security in Washington D. C. for a week. I hope to have a lot of fun at the forum.

C/SSgt Dylan McLain

Well this week I have band practice. The band I'm in is called HAZMAT and we are a Christian death metal band. C/McLain is the lead singer/lead guitarist. I'm the rhythm guitarist and special effects like "synth" sounds. Our first concert is at the end of June, so we have to work REALLY hard to crank out new songs so we can get our first CD.

C/Amn Ryan Fontaine

## *From the Cadets*

Next week, President Obama will go to Germany to visit wounded troops. Troops in the military hospital in Lanstuhl will see the President on June 5th. The plan to visit the hospital wasn't on the original itinerary for President Obama. The President will also stop in Saudi Arabia, Egypt, and France.

C/AB Ian Borgo

This month has been the greatest month of my CAP life. In the year of 2008 the New Jersey Wing Dragon Drill Team placed second out of 4 other teams in the Northeast Region competition. This year however, the Dragon Drill Team did not place second, but first place. After 2 years (for me) of hard, long work, it finally paid off and now I can participate in the national competition. I am very proud of myself and my teammates' accomplishments, and I look forward to the next year. I have also received emails from my NCSA (Honor Guard Academy) and am looking forward to it very much.

C/MSgt Dylan Rutherford

This month I went to two activities: the WWII Tower Dedication and the Coast Guard Sunset Parade. At the WWII Tower we parked cars, directed traffic, and set up chairs and sawhorses. In the Sunset Parade we toured Monroe Hall, ate dinner at the club on the CG base, and then marched in the parade. Both activities were a lot of fun and I am glad I had the opportunity to take part in them.

C/TSgt Brendan Flynn

This past week I have participated in the Northeast Region Cadet Competition. This was my third time at the competition, and I was assured that this would be the time we would go to Nationals.

Myself and the team had been practicing a lot over the last couple of months. We won first place in volleyball, mile run, and standard drill, innovative drill, written test, and panel bowl.

It was an amazing feeling to win the competition. I have been on the team for three years. Every year the best we could do was second place. It felt like all of our hard work finally paid off.

We will be going to Nationals in July. It will take place in Oregon. We will be competing against the best teams in their regions. The plane, food, and transportation will all be taken care of by National.

Anyone interested in joining the team next year, it is a once in a lifetime experience. We are representing the Northeast Region, and especially my home region of Cape May County Composite Squadron. Cadet Rutherford and myself will be proud to bring the trophy home to the region and our unit.

C/2Lt Michael Quinn

